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<> MOSCOW <><>KRASNAYA ZVEZDA<><> IN RUSSIAN 13 JAN 84 SECOND EDITION P 4
(OBTUARY OF A.A. DRAGON))((TEXT)) LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF SIGNAL TROOPS ANATOLIY
ANDREYEVICH DRAGON HAS DIED SUDDENLY IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS
SERVICE DUTIES.A.A. DRAGON WAS BORN IN 1921 INTO THE FAMILY OF A WORKER.
HE DEVOTED HIS ENTIRE CONSCIOUS LIFE TO THE SERVICE OF THE SOVIET
MOTHERLAND AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY, OF WHICH HE HAD BEEN A MEMBER
SINCE 1944.HE BEGAN HIS SERVICE IN THE SOVIET ARMY IN 1939 AND WORKED
HIS WAY UP FROM STUDENT TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF SIGNAL TROOPS
AND CHIEF OF A DIRECTORATE OF THE USSR DEFENSE MINISTRY'S CENTRAL
APPARATUS.IN THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR YEARS FROM THE FIRST DAYS UNTIL THE
VICTORY A.A. DRAGON PARTICIPATED IN COMBAT OPERATIONS ON THE
WESTERN, DON, STALINGRAD, CENTRAL, AND 1ST BELORUSSIAN FRONTS.
IN THE POSTWAR PERIOD A.A. DRAGON DEVOTED ALL HIS STRENGTH,
KNOWLEDGE, AND RICH EXPERIENCE TO INCREASING SIGNAL TROOPS' COMBAT
READINESS AT EVERY POST TO WHICH HE WAS ASSIGNED. HE WAS
DISTINGUISHED BY HIS GREAT INDUSTRY, HIGH RESPONSIBILITY,
PRINCIPLED AND DEMANDING APPROACH, MODESTY, AND SENSITIVE ATTITUDE
TO PEOPLE.THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE SOVIET STATE HIGHLY ASSESSED
A.A. DRAGON'S SERVICE TO THE MOTHERLAND. HE WAS AWARDED THE
ORDERS OF THE RED BANNER AND OF THE PATRIOTIC WAR, 2D CLASS,
FOUR ORDERS OF THE RED STAR, AND THE ORDER "FOR SERVICE TO THE
MOTHERLAND IN THE USSR ARMED FORCES," 3D CLASS, AND MANY MEDALS,
AS WELL AS AWARDS FROM A NUMBER OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

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THE BRIGHT MEMORY OF ANATOLIY ANDREYEVICH DRAGUN -- TRUE SON
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE SOVIET PEOPLE, ARDENT PATRIOT OF
THE SOVIET FATHERLAND, AND A COURAGEOUS WARRIOR -- WILL REMAIN
FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS.

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